

Subject: Access to Barlinnie Prison records (HH87/1 and HH87/2).

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Information requested:

Access to Barlinnie Prison staff records, in relation to John MacDonald and Robert Thomson, 1905-1914 (HH87/1 and HH87/2).

NRS Response:

A sensitivity review has been undertaken on these files by the Scottish Prisons Service. We have provided all of the information you have requested in either transcription form (for HH87/2) or digital form (for HH87/1) accessible at the National Records of Scotland.

We searched HH87/2, as requested, but only found a record of Robert Thomson's employment at Barlinnie Prison. The following is an accurate transcription from the Barlinnie Prison staff register in relation to Robert Thomson's employment (NRS ref. HH87/2):

Office: Warder Class I
Name: Robert Thomson
Birth: 12.3.95
Appointment: 17.2.20
Promotion: 30.11.37
Last Transfer: 30.11.37
Height: 5'8
Married or Single: M
Trade: Typewriter Mechanic
Allowance: [Left blank]
Remarks: Edin.

We also searched HH87/1 on your behalf and found the full employment history for both Robert Thomson and John MacDonald. This volume is already open for public access. The pages relevant for Thomson and MacDonald are pages 399 and 400.

HH87/1 can be viewed in the Historical Search Room at General Register House, 2 Princes Street, Edinburgh, EH1 3YY. Further information is available on our website at: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/research/visit-us/historical-search-room>.

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